

National Council on the Arts

The National Council on the Arts advises the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts on agency policies and programs. It reviews and makes recommendations on applications for grants, funding guidelines, leadership initiatives, and nominations for the National Medal of Arts. The Council meets three times a year.

Fourteen voting members of the Council—all private citizens—are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate for six-year terms, and are selected for their distinguished service or achieved eminence in the arts. In 1997, Congress enacted legislation that required the appointment of six members of Congress, three from the House of Representatives and three from the Senate, to serve in an ex officio, non-voting capacity for two-year terms. Current Council members can be found on the NEA Web site at www.arts.gov.

The following indicate Council members who served in FY 2002:

Donald V. Cogman Patron/Trustee Scottsdale, AZ	Marsha Mason *** Actor/Director Santa Fe, NM	Ex officio members (terms expired in 2002) Cass Ballenger U.S. House of Representatives (R-North Carolina)
Gordon Davidson Theater Center Director/Producer Los Angeles, CA	Maribeth Walton McGinley Art Director/Designer Glendale, CA	Mike DeWine U.S. Senate (R-Ohio)
Katharine Cramer DeWitt Patron/Trustee Cincinnati, OH	Earl A. Powell, III Museum Director Washington, DC	Richard Durbin U.S. Senate (D-Illinois)
Hsin-Ming Fung ** Architect Los Angeles, CA	Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company Director/Choreographer Denver, CO	Betty McCollum U.S. House of Representatives (D-Minnesota)
Joy Harjo *** Poet/Musician Honolulu, HI	Deedie Potter Rose Patron/Trustee Philadelphia, PA	Howard "Buck" McKeon U.S. House of Representatives (R-California)
Nathan Leventhal *** Patron/Trustee New York, NY	Joan Specter *** Patron/Trustee Philadelphia, PA	Jeff Sessions U.S. Senate (R-Alabama)
Teresa Lozano Long Patron/Trustee Austin, TX	Luis Valdez * Theater Company Director San Juan Bautista, CA	

* Term expired in 2000, continues to serve until a successor takes office.

** Term expired in 2001, continues to serve until a successor takes office.

*** Term expired in 2002, continues to serve until a successor takes office.